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FOR NEA/PAB AUSTRIAN FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: NA

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SUBJ: COUNTRY VISIT

REF:A) STATE 83619 B. KABUL 2593 C. KABUL 2592

1. THE TIMING SET OUT IN REF A IS INDEED CONVENIENT AND I WELCOME YOUR VISIT. NO HOTEL RESERVATIONS ARE CONTEMPLATED AS LEE COLDREN, WHO WILL BE YOUR ESCORT OFFICER, INVITES YOU TO STAY AT HIS HOME. EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE TRANSPORT MAY 3RD TO PESHAWAR, FROM WHERE EMBASSY ISLAMABAD MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ONWARD MOTOR TRANSPORTATION, OR YOU COULD CATCH DAILY PIA LATE AFTERNOON FLIGHT TO ISLAMABAD.

2. I SHARE BELIEF THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR YOU TO VISIT AID PROJECT SITES. WE ARE TENTATIVELY PLANNING A THREE-DAY TRIP FOR YOU TO KAJAKAI AND LASHKARGAH AND PERHAPS A HALF-DAY TRIP TO VISIT RURAL SCHOOL PROJECT NEAR KABUL. FOR YOUR DAYS IN KABUL WE ARE PLANNING A SERIES OF SMALL LUNCHEONS AND DINNERS TO INTRODUCE YOU TO AFGHANS INVOLVED IN CULTURAL, ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND DRUG ENFORCEMENT RELATED AFFAIRS.

3. THERE ARE INDEED SOME THINGS THAT YOU

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MIGHT BRING ALONG. WE ARE PLANNING TO GIVE

MINI-CALCULATORS AS BICENTENNIAL GIFTS (REFS
B AND C). APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD HAND-
CARRY (TOTAL WEIGHT WILL BE JUST OVER 10 LBS).
IF YOU CAN HANDLE THIS, CONTACT ERIC WEAVER,
NEA/EX, WHO SHOULD RECEIVE CALCULATORS SHORTLY
FROM OPR/ST. UNLESS ALREADY POUCHED, PLEASE
ALSO BRING SLIDES OF STATUE OF LIBERTY AND,
IF AVAILABLE, SMALL MODEL OF STATUE. I WOULD
PERSONALLY APPRECIATE YOU LOCATING AND BRING COPY OF
MARYLAND LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ELECTION GUIDE
FOR MONTGOMERY. GUIDE SHOULD HAVE BEEN
PUBLISHED BY NOW AND IS ORDINARILY AVAILABLE AT
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

4. ALL OF US LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR VISIT.
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